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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PRESIDENT PARK'S INTENTIONS

FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION

1. AT LUNCHEON NOV 7 WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM, PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHONG-YOM SAID THAT PRES PARK'S PRESENTATION IN HIS PRIVATE MEEGING WITH PRES FORD WOULD DEAL WITH FOLLOWING:

A. EXPRESSION OF SINCERE WELCOME TO PRESIDENT FORD AND GRATITUDE OF KOREAN PEOPLE AND ROKG FOR PAST ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO ROK.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT SITUATION IN KOREAN PENINSULA ALONG GENERAL LINE OF ROK DEFENSE MINISTER'S PRESENTATION AT RECENT SCM IN HONOLULU, INCLUDING STATUS OF CURRENT POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH DPRK AND SOUTH/NORTH TALKS.

C. ASSURANCES THAT ROKG'S POLICIES WILL SUPPORT US PURSUIT OF DETENTE, STRESSING ROK INTENTION TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH DPRK AND NEED TO BUILD ROK MILITARY AND ECONOMIC STRENGTH AS BASIS FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACEFUL COEXITSENCE WITH PYONGYANG.

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D. AS MEANS TO LATTER END, DISCUSSION OF US/ROK COOPERATION AND MEANS BY WHICH US CAN ASSIST ROKG, INCLUDING COMPLETION OF DEFENSE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, PROMOTION OF DOMESTIC DEFENSE INDUSTRIES AND ENHANCED ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN GENERAL. WITH RESPECT TO SUCH ECONOMIC COOPERATION, PARK WILL PROBABLY DISCUSS CURRENT ROK ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FLOWING FROM WORLDWIDE RECESSION AND INCREASED FUEL AND ENERGY COSTS.

E. DISCUSSION OF CURRENT STATUS ROK-JAPAN AFFAIRS AS THEY RELATE TO SECURITY AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, INCLUDING ROK DESIRE TO DE-EMPHASIZE TO SOME DEGREE KOREAN DEPENDENCE ON JAPAN AS MARKET AND SOURCE OF FINANCING AND TECHNOLOGY IN FAVOR OF OBTAINING SUCH RESOURCES TO GREATER DEGREE FROM OTHER SOURCES, US IN PARTICULAR.

2. KIM SAID PRES PARK WOULD NOT EXPECT PRES FORD'S DISCUSSION TO DEAL WITH DETAILS OF US/ROK BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE PRES FORD'S VIEWS ON GLOBAL SITUATION PROGRESS OF EFFORTS TO REACH DETENTE WITH MAJOR COMMUNIST POWERS, AND OUTLOOKFOR ECONOMIC FINANCING AND ENERGY PROBLEMS. PARK WOULD ALSO WELCOME DISCUSSION OF PROSPECTS FOR ROK DETENTE WITH USSR AND PRC.
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